

REMARKS

Claims 13-17 are pending in this application. By this Response, claims 13-17 are amended. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

35 U.S.C. § 102 CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 13-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,311,562 to Palusamy et al., (Palusamy). The amended claims are allowable over this art.

As amended, claim 13-17 each refer to a control device that forms at least part of an operation macro for controlling plant equipment based upon the value of a control parameter. The limitation is absent from Palusamy. Palusamy merely discusses a monitoring system used to collect and transmit data which may be used by personnel to access operational conditions and potential maintenance problems. (Abstract, and col. 1 lines 5-20) Palusamy's control device does not form part of a control macro and does not form part of a control macro based upon a control parameter. The automatic control aspects of Palusamy are limited to safety shutdowns or complementary valve settings (col. 5, lines 61-68), which are likely triggered by simply exceeding safety set points and valve interlocks and not operated via a macro.

For at least the foregoing reasons claims 13-17 define over Palusamy. Accordingly the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

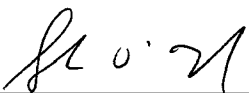
CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.
Prompt consideration and allowance are solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or
§ 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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